

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Takashi IKEMORI et al.

Group Art Unit:

Serial No.:

Examiner:

Filed: February 8, 2001

For: HOME-DELIVERY METHOD, HOME-DELIVERY SERVER AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee for and examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend the claims as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

7. (ONCE AMENDED) The home-delivery server according to claim 5 [or claim 6], further comprising means for informing the receiver of a message at a timing before the day and time designated by the receiver, the message being for inviting the receiver to receive the parcel.

Please ADD the following NEW claims:

9. (NEW) The home-delivery server according to claim 6, further comprising means for informing the receiver of a message at a timing before the day and time designated by the receiver, the message being for inviting the receiver to receive the parcel.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to further prosecution of this application by placing same in better form, including eliminating all multiple-dependencies from the claims. Accordingly, entry of the Preliminary Amendment and favorable examination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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